

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the specification, please replace the paragraph starting on page 2, line 11 and ending on line 13, with the following paragraph:

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--where R4 is as defined under the formula II, V and W are as defined under the formula III and R3 is as defined under the formula III,--

In the specification, please replace the paragraph starting on page 3, line 4 and ending on line 7, with the following paragraph:

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--To an electrochemical reaction with an alcohol of the general formula II in the presence of an auxiliary electrolyte and catalytic amount of a metal salt (S) derived from a metal from the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> subgroup (subgroups IB, IIB, VIB or VIIIB; also known as Groups 11, 12, 6 and 8-10, respectively) of the periodic table, or from lead, tin or rhenium.--

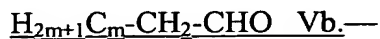
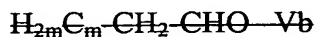
In the specification, please replace the paragraph starting on page 5, line 3, and ending on line 13, with the following paragraph:

--The process is furthermore particularly suitable for the preparation of compounds of the general formula Ib:

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where m is a number from 1 to 10, and R<sup>4</sup> is as defined in formula II, and for whose preparation use is made of a compound of the general formula Vb:



In the specification, please replace the paragraph starting on page 7, line 15 and ending on line 18, with the following paragraph:

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--Examples of suitable anode materials are noble metals such as platinum, or metal

B4 oxides, such as ruthenium or chromium oxide, or mixtures of the  $\text{RuO}_x/\text{TiO}_x$   $\text{RuO}_x/\text{TiO}_x$  type.

Preference is given to graphite or carbon electrodes.--

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